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CALCUTTA 2148 FOLLOWS. SENT TO NEW DELHI FOR ACTION ON 1 SEP76.
BEING RPTD FOR YOUR INFO.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L CALCUTTA 2148

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, IN
SUBJ: SANJAY GANDHI LINKED TO RUMORS OF REMOVAL OF CHIEF
MINISTER RAY

REF: CALCUTTA 2122

1. POLITICAL CIRCLES IN CALCUTTA ARE IN A GREAT STATE
OF EXCITEMENT NOW OVER POSSIBLE REMOVAL OF CHIEF MINISTER
RAY. GOWB CABINET OFFICERS AND SENIOR WEST BENGAL CONGRESS
FIGURES ARE SHUTTling BETWEEN CALCUTTA AND DELHI (RAY
IS PRACTICALLY THE ONLY PERSON OF PROMINENCE IN THE
STATE WHO HASN'T BEEN TO THE CAPITAL RECENTLY) AND SPEC-
ULATION OVER WHO MIGHT REPLACE RAY IS RIFE. THE LATEST
FAVORITE IS SAID TO BE MRS. PURABI MUKHERJEE, AN AICC
SECRETARY AND FORMER WEST BENGAL CABINET OFFICER.

2. SOOKAMAL GHOSH, EDITOR OF CONGRESS-AFFILIATED JUGAN-
TAR, TELLS US THAT THE MOVE TO UNSEAT RAY IS BEING
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ENGINEERED BY SANJAY GANDHI AND HIS LOCAL AGENT HERE,

KAMAL NATH, A YOUNG UNJABI BUSINESSMAN AND FORMER CLASS-MATE OF SANJAY'S. SANJAY'S AND NATH'S COMPLAINT AGAINST RAY, ACCORDING TO GHOSH, IS THAT HE IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY AMENABLE TO THEIR ADVICE. THEY WANT SOMEONE WHO WILL FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS AND BULLDOZE THE OPPOSITION "SO THAT THINGS CAN GET DONE." ANOTHER WELL INFORMED SOURCE HAS ALSO TOLD US THAT SANJAY IS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE CURRENT MACHINATIONS AGAINST RAY.

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